A BIBLIOGRAPHY CONCERNING FOSSIL PLANTS OF EGYPT

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This bibliography includes about 300 entries. Over 200 of them are published outside Egypt. Many also are old belonging to the last centuary and are not available in Egyptian libraries. Moreover works concerned with fossil plants are not always published in botanical journals but many appear in other specialized journals especially those dealing with geological subjects. The aim of this paper is therefore to cite publications concerned with Egyptian fossil plants, which I have already compiled during the past few years, and have them all in one easily accessible place in literature. The titles of these publications are, by themselves, to some extent informative concerning the corresponding subjects considered. However, it is intended in a forthcoming paper to give abstracts of all these publications together with illustrations of all fossil plants described in them.

The fossil plants mentioned and described in the publications included in this bibliography belong to the various divisions of the plant kingdom. However, the main attraction (expressed in the number of publications which is over 35) to workers was the petrified forests and fossil wood which occur in various places in Egyptian deserts.

Publications concerned with plants used or utilized by ancient Egyptians are not included in the present bibliography. They fall in fact under Palaeoethnobotany rather than under Palaeobotany. Those who are interested in these plants may refer to the four volumes on the 'Flora of Egypt', published by Täckholm (1941-1956), which include reference to a large number of publications dealing with these plants.

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